(b) is so, what steps are being taken by Government to open a school in each village; and

(c) by when the target would be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) According to All India Educational Survey (1993) the number of habitations not having primary school facilities in the country is 1,76,000.

The primary responsibility for opening of schools in the State rests with the concerned State Government.

The National Policy of Education 1986 and the Plan of Action 1992 envisaged provision of a primary school within one k.m. of walking distance in habitation with a population of 300 (Two hundred in the case of Tribal/Desert/ Hilly Areas) and upper primary schools within three k.m. of walking distance of every habitation with a population 500.

Under the proposed revised scheme of Alternative and Innovative Education, one component seeks to establish a learning centre in all unserved habitations that do not have one within a radius of one kilometre.

Fee Hike by Universities

1762. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Universities and deemed Universities are likely to increase student fee considerably;

(b) what factors have been kept in view while taking this decision; and

(c) whether any concession would be given to poor students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) Para 11.2 of National Policy on Education, 1986 and its Programme of Action, 1992 envisages hike in fee at the higher levels of education to raise the quality of education in the country. However, the fee in a University is decided as per the provisions in its Ordinances. As such, any hike in the fee for Delhi University and colleges has to be considered and decided by the University itself. While considering any hike in fee, the Universities are expected to keep all factors in

view. The Government of India has no direct role in this regard, however it can facilitate the process. The facilitation role is enjoined by the National Policy.

Anganvadi Workers

1763. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Anganvadi workers in the country as on date;

(b) whether these Anganvadi workers are getting less than the minimum wages; and

(c) whether the Anganvadi (ICDS) project is likely to continue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) There are 505796 Anganwadi Workers in the country as on date.

(b) Anganwadi Workers are paid honorarium ranging from Rs. 438/- to Rs. 563/- per month depending upon their educational qualification and length of service. They are paid honorarium and not wages.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Centrally Sponsored Integrated Child Development Services Scheme will continue during Ninth Five Year Plan period.

Amount for Women and Child Welfare Schemes of Assam

1764. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated by Government to Assam for various women and child welfare schemes during the last three years;

(b) whether the entire amount was utilised by the State Government;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The Departments of